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Mr. Chairman, and distinguished members of the Board, my name is Robert G. Vernon and this is Mr. John R. Stockwell. I am a television producer and Mr. Stockwell is a former CIA case officer and a noted author and screenwriter. We are here representing TRUTH, TRUTH, TRUTH, INC., a non-profit Texas corporation that was founded in 1989. Since their formation, TRUTH, TRUTH, TRUTH, INC. has conducted a private unbiased investigation into the death of John F. Kennedy. Mr. Stockwell and I were hired in early 1992 to write and produce a television program and book highlighting the findings of TRUTH, TRUTH, TRUTH, INC. Our findings are scheduled to be released in the immediate future in TV broadcast, home video, CD-Rom and book form. The first participant in the JFK assassination discovered by TRUTH, TRUTH, TRUTH, INC. is a male African-American named Q.D. Urdy. Mr. Urdy received immunity from the United States Department of Justice in 1992 in exchange for his testimony. Mr. Urdy testified that he was ordered by Jack Ruby to "acquire" high powered rifles with scopes in early fall of 1963. Mr. Urdy stated that he then stole three rifles from a ranch in west Texas. The theft of these rifles has been verified by the ranch owners. Retired Dallas police officer Tom Tilson testified that he and his daughter observed Jack Ruby, and three men dressed in suits, ties and hats, taking target practice with rifles at a Dallas-Ft. Worth firing range approximately 5-7 days prior to the assassination. No other part of Mr. Urdy's lengthy testimony has been substantiated although he claims to have further information and knowledge of the events surrounding the assassination - both before and after the fact. The

second participant discovered by TRUTH is male Caucasian Robert "Tosh" Plumlee, a CIA pilot. Mr. Plumlee has piloted and co-piloted clandestine CIA flights for over 31 years. He testified before the Church Committee in the 1970's and his CIA escapades have been well chronicled in magazine articles, books and congressional reports. Mr. Plumlee testified before THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE on August 2, 1990 and again in May of 1991. His testimony under oath has been classified as TOP SECRET. Sen. John Kerry served as Chairman of the Senate committee. John Weiner & Dick McCall, staff aides to Sen. Kerry, questioned Plumlee in relation to the Contra Resupply Network - behind closed doors. Mr. Plumlee testified to the U.S. Senate Committee and to TRUTH, TRUTH, TRUTH, INC. that on the morning of November 22, 1963, he was a co-pilot on a top secret flight supported by the CIA. Mr. Plumlee's flight left Florida on November 21, 1963 and stopped in New Orleans and Houston before heading into Dallas, Texas during the early morning hours of November 22, 1963. Mr. Plumlee testified that FILIPPO SACCO alias JOHN ROSSELLI, a known Mafia/CIA double operative was on board the plane to Dallas. Mr. Plumlee stated that Mr. Rosselli departed the plane at Dallas-Garland Airport shortly after 6:30 AM on the morning of November 22, 1963. Mr. Plumlee testified that he was informed that the flight was an "abort mission", and that their assignment was to stop the assassination attempt on Kennedy's life. Mr. Plumlee testified that he was told this by his superior officers and he has identified those officers. Mr. Plumlee testified that he was present in Dealey Plaza on the south knoll at the

time of the assassination. In the spring of 1992, the late Joe H. West, the founder of Truth, Truth, Truth, Inc., received a call from Beaumont, Texas FBI agent Zack Shelton. Agent Shelton requested an "off the record" meeting with Mr. West at a location between Houston and Beaumont. Agent Shelton and private investigator West also had a second meeting at which noted Houston criminal attorney Don Ervin was present. During the course of these meetings, Agent Shelton, a former member of the Organized Crime Task Force in Chicago, provided West and Ervin with a lead on James E. Files alias James E. Sutton, a male Caucasian from Chicago, currently incarcerated in the Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet, Illinois. Mr. Files is serving a 50 year term for the attempted murder of two police officers. His FBI "rap sheet" indicates a life filled with violent crimes. Agent Shelton informed investigator West and attorney Ervin that the FBI had previously gathered information from an informant that Mr. Files has knowledge of the events that occurred in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. Agent Shelton verified that Mr. Files was an associate and driver/bodyguard for Charles Nicoletti, a known Mafia hitman from Chicago. Agent Shelton further stated that he had long suspected that Chicago mob members Sam Giancana, Charles Nicoletti and John Rosselli were involved in the assassination of John F. Kennedy but that he had no hard evidence to support his beliefs. On August 16 and 17, 1992, after an extensive search to locate the prisoner, investigator West spent several hours each day questioning James E. Files. During the August 17, 1992 meeting, Mr. Files confessed that he was involved in the JFK assassination. Mr. Files confessed that he was present in Dealey

Plaza and that Charles Nicoletti and Johnny Rosselli were also present in Dealey Plaza. Mr. Files further confessed that he had been recruited and worked for the CIA in the early 1960s, later becoming a driver for Charles Nicoletti of the Chicago Mafia. Investigator West died from complications following open heart surgery in February of 1993 after filing a legal action to exhume the body of John F. Kennedy which was filed in the 160th Judicial District of Dallas in the fall of 1992. On May 3, 1993, I visited James E. Files for the first time. Present with me was Mr. Barry Adelman, Vice President in Charge of Television Development for Dick Clark Productions of Burbank, California. During our four hour visit, James E. Files confessed that he fired the fatal last shot into the right front temple of John F. Kennedy from a firing position located behind the wooden stockade fence on the infamous grassy knoll. Mr. Files confessed that he fired a .222 shell at the President and that he left the empty casing on the top of the fence. Mr. Files said that he bit down on the casing for that was a trait of his, he always placed the spent shells in his mouth after a "job." Files testified that his teeth marks were in the casing that he left behind in Dealey Plaza. Upon returning to Texas, we contacted a Mr. John Rademacher of the Dallas area after finding news clippings about him in the files of Truth, Truth, Inc. In 1987, Mr. Rademacher and his stepson were enjoying a father and son outing when they discovered a .222 casing buried in Dealey Plaza approximately 4-6 feet in front of the wooden stockade fence. The casing contained "dents." Dr. Paul Stimson of the University of Texas at Houston, a noted forensic odontologist who was recommended to us by the Houston Police Department, examined the .222 casing in his lab. Dr. Stimson issued a written medicolegal opinion which states that the dents in the casing are teeth marks. We shared the confession of James E. Files with criminal attorney Don Ervin who agreed to visit Files in an effort to cross examine Mr. Files to ascertain his validity. In June of 1993,

attorney Ervin, a veteran of over 25 years of high profile criminal cases, spent almost 7 hours with James E. Files at the Joliet prison. Mr. Ervin reported that he found no inconsistencies in Mr. Files' confession. Mr. Ervin issued a 17 page memo on his cross examination of James E. Files, and the memo has been included in your information packets for your confidential review. Following his visit with Mr. Files, attorney Ervin negotiated a deal with the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice to provide Mr. Files with immunity in order that his testimony could be heard by a special grand jury that was to be called following a "non-official" visit with Mr. Files at which attorney Ervin and the FBI were to be present. On August 3, 1993, attorney Ervin informed us that he had received word that the United States Attorney in Chicago had reviewed and approved the immunity agreement for James E. Files. Mr. Ervin further stated that the government was to fly him and an FBI agent to the prison for the "non-official" visit with Mr. Files. On August 9, 1993, two Chicago FBI agents made an unannounced visit to Mr. Files without the knowledge or consent of attorney Ervin or the prisoner. Mr. Files informed attorney Ervin that he was "asked to agree that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin of John F. Kennedy." Shortly thereafter, Beaumont Agent Shelton was threatened with the loss of his FBI job and government pension. This fact was verified by both attorney Ervin and newly elected Texas District Judge Charles Carver of Beaumont, Texas. Agent Shelton has failed to respond to our numerous phone calls and the FBI has twice refused to allow me to interview Agent Shelton on camera. Following the discovery of James E. Files, TRUTH, TRUTH, INC., and Dick Clark Productions entered into a production agreement for a special two hour television program. Our program was sold to a major USA television network and was scheduled to be broadcast on May 18, 1994. Approximately three weeks before the broadcast, a conservative conspiracy researcher/author who has made a full career out of denying any CIA

involvement in the JFK assassination, and who blames the assassination fully on the KGB and Oswald, vigorously challenged the project and the program was placed "on hold" by the network. It is the intent of TRUTH, TRUTH, TRUTH, INC. to provide the Assassination Records Review Board with a complete and accurate accounting of the entire investigation. The accounting will include all evidence we have gathered. We would like to call your special attention to the medicolegal report issued by Dr. Randolph Robertson, a noted radiologist from Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Robertson was granted rare access to the autopsy x-rays and photos of JFK which are in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. During his examination of the skull pictures and x-rays of the President, Dr. Robertson discovered a second bullet wound in the skull. Dr. Robertson's medicolegal opinion states that at least one more assassin of President Kennedy remains to be identified. Dr. Robertson further states that the second wound in the skull is consistent with a shot fired from the right front - the grassy knoll area. We ask that the Board review our evidence and Dr. Robertson's report, investigate our findings and release our official opinion of our findings in your final report to the President of the United States and the American public at the end of your term as is designated in the Congressional mandate through which the Board was formed. In closing, we ask that you consider recommending to the President and the American people that a special grand jury be called to hear the testimony of Q.D. Urdy, Robert "Tosh" Plumlee and James E. Files. This was the original plan as per the understanding between TRUTH, TRUTH, TRUTH, INC., attorney Don Ervin, and the United States Department of Justice - according to attorney Ervin. Thank you and we'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.